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1. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM BEN GURION UNIVERSITY AT NEW YORK CEREMONY WAS PROMINENTLY FEATURED, ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF SECRETARY, ON FIRST PAGE OF BAGHDAD OBSERVER ON SEPTEMBER 13. ARTICLE NOTES THAT "DINNER IS TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, JOSEPH TEKOA, WHO WAS FORMERLY THE ZIONIST AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS DOUBLE TALK AND RUDE-NESS." ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT "NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN FOR SELECTING THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SERVICE HE HAD RENDERED, AND WHICH WAS CONSIDERED BY THE ZIONISTS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THEM."

2. BAGHDAD OBSERVER CARRIED NO FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT.
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